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Letter dated 7 March 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Egypt to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of a press communiqué issued in Cairo on 6 March 1994 by the group of 12 Somali political factions.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 72 of the preliminary list.

(Signed) Nabil A. ELARABY
Permanent Representative

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Annex

Press communiqué issued in Cairo on 6 March 1994 by the group of 12 Somali political factions

On 6 March 1994, we were honoured to meet with President Mohamed Hosni Mubarak, at which time we expressed our deep gratitude for the invitation addressed to us by Egypt to visit Cairo and for the hospitality offered to the group of 12 for consultations with a view to reaching a harmonization of views on a proposed programme of action for the settlement of the Somali problem.

This programme comprises the following broad outlines:

(a) A 17-member Salvation Council should be established, comprising all 15 of the factions and including General Mohamed Farah Aidid and the leader of the Somali National Movement in the north. Mr. Ali Mahdi Muhammad should have a seat in the Council by virtue of the Addis Ababa decisions, and the chairmanship of the Council should rotate;

(b) The first Chairman of the Salvation Council should form an interim Government of qualified Somali personnel and should carry out the establishment of the National Transitional Council, with whose formation the task of the Salvation Council will be completed;

(c) The Salvation Council should undertake the function of legislation, should carry through the transitional stage and should supervise the building of the institutions of the State.

Consultations will take place with the Somali National Movement and the Somali National Alliance with a view to participating in the implementation of this programme through a delegation to be sent to meet with General Aidid for this purpose.